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TO: Interested Stakeholders

FROM: Sam Unger 
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DATE: November 7, 2006

SUBJECT: Addendum to Notice of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Scoping Meeting dated November 1, 2006 for proposed amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan) to establish Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Trash for Waterbodies in the Ventura County

This addendum is to the notice dated November 1, 2006 by Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) for a CEQA Scoping Meeting on December 5, 2006 for multiple waterbodies in the Ventura County:

1. Calleguas Creek Watershed:
 - a. Revolon Slough,
 - b. Beardsley Wash, and
2. Ventura River Estuary.

Pursuant to California Public Resources Code section 21083.9, Los Angeles Water Board shall conduct CEQA Scoping Meeting to receive comments on the appropriate scope and content of the "functionally equivalent" substitute environmental documents supporting Basin Plan amendments that would establish new Trash TMDLs and implementation plans. The substitute environmental documents will be prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.5, and the State Water Resources Control Board's regulations related to its Certified Regulatory Program. (See 23 Cal. Code Regs. §3775 et seq.) The substitute environmental documents are intended to serve as planning level (Tier 1) environmental documents, consistent with Public Resources Code section 21159.

BACKGROUND OF WATERBODIES

Revolon Slough and Beardsley Wash in the Calleguas Creek Watershed

Revolon Slough starts with Beardsley Wash in the hills north of Camarillo. The wash is an approximately 4 mile rip rapped channel flowing through residential and agricultural areas. The wash continues to become Revolon Slough which is concrete lined for another 4 miles, thereafter

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resumes being soft bottomed with rip-rapped sides. The lower Revolon Slough near Pacific Coast Highway flows parallel to Calleguas Creek, and merges with Calleguas Creek before entering Mugu Lagoon.

Trash including food and beverage containers of various materials, was observed in catch basins, storm drains and in both Revolon Slough and Beardsley Wash. The severity of the trash problem seems to depend on the accessibility to the waterbodies. The agricultural waterways also brought in plastic bags and paper cartons to Revolon Slough.

Ventura River Estuary

Ventura River runs north-south from the Topatopa Mountains down to the Pacific Ocean, and drains approximately 235 square miles. Ventura River Estuary is defined from the Pacific Ocean to Main Street Bridge in the City of Ventura, easterly adjacent to Ventura County Fair Park which frequently hosts events and allows direct access to the coastal area, westerly next to Emma Wood State Park under oversight of California Department of Parks and Recreation.

Due to the high urbanization of estuary vicinity with constant activities, there are plenty of plastic bags, cigarette boxes, color spray containers, beverage containers of many kinds present on the beach, trails and in the estuary.

SCOPES OF TMDLS

In addition to encompassing four primary sections: problem statement, numeric target, source analysis and waste load allocation, trash TMDLs will coordinate with other programs and will:

- Assign wasteload and load allocations of zero trash to storm water permittees;
- Assign load allocations of zero trash to nonpoint sources;
- Be implemented though phased annual reductions in trash dischargers over a period of approximately 10 years;
- Allow for deemed compliance with the zero waste load allocations if the permittees install technology that has been certified by the Regional Board as a "Full Capture Device."

SUBSTITUTE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

Los Angeles Water Board staff has not proposed any specific perspectives for "substitute" environmental document yet, but will consider any reasonable suggestion that may be appropriate to avoid or mitigate significant or potentially significant adverse environmental effects.

Interested stakeholders are specifically requested to provide information about:

- How they or responsible jurisdictions would foreseeably comply with the Trash TMDL;

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- The reasonably foreseeable significant environmental impacts associated with those means of compliance;
 - Specific evidence supporting that such impacts are reasonably foreseeable, and describing the magnitude (how significant) of the impacts;
 - Reasonable alternative means of compliance that would have less significant adverse environmental impacts;
 - Reasonable mitigation measures that would minimize any unavoidable significant adverse environmental impacts associated with the means of compliance.
- (See Public Resources Code section 21159.)

The Trash TMDLs CEQA Scoping Meeting will be held:

**9:00 A.M., Tuesday, December 5, 2006
City Council Chambers
601 Carmen Drive
Camarillo, CA 93010**

Please contact Dr. Eric Wu at (213) 576-6683 if you have any questions about this matter. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons known to you who would be interested in this matter.

cc: Michael Levy, Office of Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board

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